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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TABLE TOP TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., A
NEVADA CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING TO
DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE
COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,
AND TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL RATES AS
NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE RATE
IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC
TRANSFORMATION ORDER.

DOCKET NO. T-02724A-13-0416

PROCEDURAL ORDER**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On December 4, 2013, Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to A.R.S. §40-250 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103 for a determination of its earnings and the fair value of its investment ("Rate Application"). Table Top requested that its residential rates be increased as necessary to compensate for the rate impacts of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011, USF/ICC Transformation Order ("USF/ICC Order"). Table Top states that it depends on federal high-cost loop support mechanisms, and that to retain federal support, it must increase local area rates to the annual floor as determined by the FCC. At the time of filing the Rate Application, Table Top did not know what the 2014 floor would be, and expected the rate to be announced in early 2014, to be effective June 1, 2014. Because of the short period of time to adjust Table Top's rates to avoid the loss of federal support, which Table Top alleged would be detrimental to ratepayers, Table Top requested that the Commission approve a local residential rate increase of up to \$19.00. Table Top did not file all of the schedules required for a typical rate case under A.C.C. R14-2-103, and requested a waiver of any provisions of this rule not required by the Arizona Constitution and laws.

1 On December 17, 2013, Table Top filed a Time Clock Waiver in order to allow for additional
2 time to determine the best way to process the application.

3 On January 6, 2014, Table Top filed Schedules that had been inadvertently omitted from the
4 docketed copy of its Rate Application.

5 In a Special Open Meeting on January 14, 2014, the Commission agreed to the Commission's
6 Utilities Division ("Staff") proposal not to require all of the schedules normally required under
7 A.A.C. R14-2-103 for rate applications in this matter because of the short time frame when new rates
8 must be in effect. The Commission had utilized a similar procedure after the USF/ICC Order was first
9 issued and required an increase in local area rates.

10 Given the short time frame for processing the Rate Application, it is necessary to establish an
11 expedited process for this matter.

12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **Telephonic Procedural Conference** for the purpose
13 of setting the matter for hearing and establishing the procedures, including notice, that will govern
14 this proceeding shall commence on **January 22, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as
15 practical at the Commission's Tucson offices, **Room 222, 400 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85750**.
16 Parties may call-in on the following number: **1-888-450-5996, Code 457395**.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the interest of judicial efficiency and economy, the
18 Procedural Conference in this matter will be held concurrently with Procedural Conferences being set
19 for similar requests made by Arizona Telephone Company (Docket No. T-02063A-13-0411), South
20 Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc. (Docket No. T-01923A-13-0428), Copper Valley
21 Telephone, Inc. (Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458), Southwestern Telephone Company (Docket No. T-
22 01072A-13-0412) and Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Docket No. T-01847A-13-0457).

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,
2 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
3 hearing.

4 DATED this 15 day of January, 2014.

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6 JANE L. RODDA
7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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